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Boulder awards grant funds to youth programs

The city of Boulder's Youth Opportunities Program announces allocation of 2007 Group Activities and Annual Grant funds to the following projects:

Group Activities Grants

Boulder High School/Fairview High School/New Vista High School AfterProm - \$3,000 to support a substance-free all-night party for students immediately following prom.

Boulder High School Diversity Dance - \$1,033 to support a dance open to all Boulder High School students, planned and organized by Latino students.

Boulder Public Library - \$1,467 to support Harry and the Potters concert (contact howardm@bouldercolorado.gov).

Compass House - \$3,000 to support the Teen Area at the Boulder Creek Festival.

KGNU - \$3,000 to support a radio training project for Latino youth (contact dovhirsch@hotmail.com).

Platt Middle School - \$3,000 to support students' participation in an outdoor education program.

SOBO Summerfest 2007 - \$3,000 to support a youth hip-hop dance club.

Annual Grants

Boulder Judo Training Center - \$8,877 to support a youth mentoring program (contact sportsconsult@aol.com).

Family Learning Center - \$8,460 to support an academic enrichment program (contact brendalyle@yahoo.com).

I Have A Dream Foundation of Boulder County- \$12,474 to support The Hindsight Program for two years.

Impact on Education - \$19,943 to support two years of private music lessons for low-income students at Casey Middle School.

Partners of Boulder County, Inc. - \$17,864 to support two years of youth mentoring (contact partners@bcpartners.org).

SalsAmigos - \$17,340 to support group Latin American dance classes for teens (contact sam.gill@colorado.edu).

September School - \$3,850 for after-school arts classes for high school students from all over Boulder (contact joychapman@hotmail.com).

YMCA of Boulder Valley - \$7,760 to support students' participation in a multicultural leadership program.

YWCA of Boulder County - \$5,000 to support computer classes for Latina students at Casey Middle School.

The following organizations will receive funding for the second year of a two-year annual grant:

Boulder Community Media - \$7,210 to support video production classes for youth.

Boulder High School - \$4,151 to support academic enrichment for Latino students.

City of Boulder Parks and Recreation - \$3,550 to support outdoor and recreation activities for low-income youth (contact zingaa@bouldercolorado.gov).

Society for Creative Aging/TinHouse Experimental Dance Theater - \$6,118 for improvisational dance classes with youth, senior citizens and adults with disabilities (contact joannarotkin@hotmail.com).

Women's Health - \$11,701 to support the Sexual Health and AIDS Awareness peer education program.

Funding decisions for Group Activities Grants are made monthly throughout the school year by the Youth Opportunities Advisory Board (YOAB). Annual Grant funding decisions are made each spring by the YOAB and approved by the City Manager. Unless otherwise indicated, activities are open to all city of Boulder resident youth of middle or high school age.

The Youth Opportunities Program is part of the city of Boulder's Department of Housing and Human Services. Established in 1994, it is funded entirely by a .15 percent sales tax approved by city taxpayers in 1992. The program's mission is to strengthen the community through empowering youth, providing opportunities for youth, encouraging youth civic participation and community service, and advising city government. Much of this is accomplished through YOAB, a group of sixteen high school students. The program allocates over \$130,000 per year to city of Boulder resident middle and high school age youth, and to youth-serving programs, for cultural, educational and recreational opportunities. Youth benefiting from the funds typically perform local volunteer work in exchange for receiving financial support.

For more information on these grants or applying for future grants, contact the Youth Opportunities Program at (303) 441-4349, swetta@bouldercolorado.gov or www.yoab.org.

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